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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty Docket No. A01460
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In re application of:
Jean Luc Sibet et al. :

Serial No. 10/698,183 : Group Art Unit: 1751

Filed: October 31, 2003 : Examiner: not yet assigned

For: Method for Brightening Virgin Mechanical Pulp

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

MAIL STOP PETITIONS
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Decision Refusing Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) mailed April 19, 2004, the inventors' undersigned attorney submits this Request for Reconsideration, along with the Declaration of Rebecca Knauth, in which she declares that she has been unable, despite diligent efforts, to obtain a signed declaration from joint inventor Maurice J.A. Haché. In the Declaration, Ms. Knauth describes first-hand her attempts to obtain Mr. Haché's cooperation, and accordingly the Declaration satisfies the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 409.03(d), as cited in the Decision.

Accordingly, the other inventors request, on behalf of themselves and Mr. Haché, to proceed with the subject application without Mr. Haché. Applicants

respectfully request that the Petition filed March 4, 2004 be granted to allow prosecution of the subject application without the declaration of Mr. Haché.

Respectfully submitted,



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DECLARATION OF REBECCA KNAUTH

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Sir:

I, Rebecca Knauth, of 1031 Hulmeville Road, Langhorne, PA, declare and say as follows:

1. On November 5, 2002, I filed the subject application as a provisional application; the USPTO assigned it serial no. 60/423,887. On November 5, 2002, I sent a copy of the provisional application to Mr. Haché at his Rohm and Haas Company office, which was located in North Andover, MA.
2. On January 15, 2003, I sent Mr. Haché a declaration, a power-of-attorney form and an assignment to be filed with the corresponding non-provisional application, which was intended to be identical to the provisional application, together with instructions for executing and returning these documents and a pre-

paid FedEx mailer. Mr. Haché had been an inventor on previous patent applications and was aware of Rohm and Haas Company procedures in this area. I sent the documents to Mr. Haché's home address (shown below in paragraph 6) because his employment with Rohm and Haas Company terminated on December 31, 2002.

3. On August 11, 2003, since I had not received signed documents from Mr. Haché, I called him at his home telephone and left a message asking him to call me regarding the documents. Mr. Haché returned the call on September 10, stating that he had been on "an extended vacation." On the same day, I sent another declaration, power-of-attorney form and an assignment to Mr. Haché at his home address, again with instructions and a pre-paid mailer.

4. I still had not received signed documents from Mr. Haché on October 1, 2003, whereupon I called Mr. Haché at home to inquire about the declaration, power-of-attorney and assignment documents. He stated that he had not executed them because the assignment required notarization and he did not want to pay the fee. I assured him that Rohm and Haas Company would reimburse him for the notary fee, and asked him to execute and return the documents. On October 16, not having received signed documents, I called Mr. Haché again to inquire about the documents; this time he stated that he had not signed them because he had been ill.

5. I filed the subject application as a non-provisional application on October 31, 2003. On that day, I sent a copy of the non-provisional application to Mr. Haché at his home address, together with a note reminding him that he needed to execute and return the declaration and assignment I had sent earlier.

6. Despite numerous requests made to Mr. Haché, both by mail and by telephone, as summarized above, I still have not received a signed declaration from Mr. Haché, and have concluded that he refuses to sign. To the best of my knowledge, his current address is as follows:

Maurice J.A. Haché
262 Beacon Street
Andover, MA 01810

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United State Code and that such willful

false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Sir:

I hereby certify that the following correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in a First Class envelope addressed to MAIL STOP PETITIONS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated next to my signature below:

Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)
Declaration of Rebecca Knauth
Return Receipt Postcard

April 26, 2004
Date

Becky Knauth
Signature